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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

11 **UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,**

12 **Plaintiff,**

13 **v.**

14 **NORMAN WIELSCH,**

15 **Defendant.**

Case No. CR 11-00529-1 SBA (KAW)

DEFENDANT'S APOLOGY

Date: May 20, 2013

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Department:

The Honorable Sandra Brown Armstrong

18 **THIS IS A TYPEWRITTEN COPY OF DEFENDANT'S HANDWRITTEN APOLOGY,**
19 **WHICH IS ATTACHED HERETO**

20 **Dear Honorable Judge Armstrong:**

21 I, Norman Wielsch, again apologize. Words are inadequate to describe how terribly
22 sorry I am for what I did or my shame for my participation in each crime. I took the drugs. I helped
23 sell them. I took money and property from prostitutes. I denied civil rights. For all of it, I am very
24 sorry.

25 I cannot explain why I did these things, but I did in fact commit each of these crimes.
26 None of my conduct makes any sense to me. I had dedicated almost half my life to fighting what I
27 have done. I have since learned through therapy that these years of law enforcement and all the
28 critical incidents had taken a severe toll on my psyche. The PTSD coupled with the depression from

1 my debilitating nerve and muscle disease caused a self-destructive downward spiral. It grieves me
2 terribly that I did these things. I blame only myself for all of it.

3 I also again apologize to the law enforcement community as well as the citizens of
4 the state of California for failing the public trust in me as an officer.

5 After my long career, I am horrified to the point of crying by what I did, and I do cry
6 every day. I am truly sorry for what I did.

7 I do not ask to be excused, but in my sorrow, I only ask and pray for fairness and for
8 mercy.

9 Thank you.

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11 /s/
Norman E. Wielsch

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DEAR HONORABLE JUDGE ARMSTRONG:

I, NORMAN WIELSCH, AGAIN APOLOGIZE. WORDS ARE INADEQUATE TO DESCRIBE HOW TERRIBLY SORRY I AM FOR WHAT I DID OR MY SHAME FOR MY PARTICIPATION IN EACH CRIME. I TOOK THE DRUGS. I HELPED SELL THEM. I TOOK MONEY AND PROPERTY FROM PROSTITUTES. I DENIED CIVIL RIGHTS. FOR ALL OF IT, I AM VERY SORRY.

I CANNOT EXPLAIN WHY I DID THESE THINGS, BUT I DID IN FACT COMMIT EACH OF THESE CRIMES. NONE OF MY CONDUCT MAKES ANY SENSE TO ME. I HAD DEDICATED ALMOST HALF MY LIFE TO FIGHTING WHAT I HAVE DONE. I HAVE SINCE LEARNED THROUGH THERAPY, THAT THESE YEARS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AND ALL THE CRITICAL INCIDENTS HAD TAKEN A SEVERE TOLL ON MY PSYCHE. THE PTSD COUPLED WITH THE DEPRESSION FROM MY DEBILITATING NERVE AND MUSCLE DISEASE CAUSED A SELF DESTRUCTIVE DOWNWARD SPIRAL. IT GRIEVES ME TERRIBLY THAT I DID THESE THINGS. I BLAME ONLY MYSELF FOR ALL OF IT.

I ALSO AGAIN APOLOGIZE TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMUNITY AS WELL AS THE CITIZENS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR

FAILING THE PUBLIC TRUST IN ME AS AN OFFICER.

AFTER MY LONG CAREER, I AM HORRIFIED TO THE POINT OF CRYING BY WHAT I DID, AND I DO CRY EVERYDAY. I AM TRULY SORRY FOR WHAT I DID.

I DO NOT ASK TO BE EXCUSED, BUT IN MY SORROW, I ONLY ASK AND PRAY FOR FAIRNESS AND FOR MERCY.

THANK YOU
Norm Wiesel

Case No. 11-00529-1 SBA (KAW)

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I, the undersigned, say:

I am a resident of the State of California and not a party to the within action; my business address is the Law Offices of Raymond N. Stella Erlach, 275 Battery Street, Suite 2600, San Francisco, California 94111. May 7, 2013, I served the within:

DEFENDANT'S APOLOGY

on the interested parties in said action by placing a true copy thereof enclosed in a sealed envelope

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: May 7, 2013


Jaime Sheridan

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